

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

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SERIAL NO.:

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EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND REPRODUCING AUDIO SIGNAL AT DESIRED SOUND QUALITY, REDUCED DATA VOLUME OR ADJUSTED OUTPUT LEVEL, APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AUDIO SIGNAL WITH SOUND QUALITY CONTROL INFORMATION OR TEST TONE SIGNAL OR AT REDUCED DATA VOLUME, RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING AUDIO SIGNAL WITH SOUND QUALITY CONTROL INFORMATION OR TEST TONE SIGNAL OR AT REDUCED DATA VOLUME, AND APPRATUS FOR REPRODUCING AUDIO SIGNAL AT DESIRED SOUND QUALITY, REDUCED DATA VOLUME OR ADJUSTED OUTPUT LEVEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
& Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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This is a CONTINUATION of application serial number 09/025,886 filed on February 18, 1998 and allowed on November 2, 2001. The entire disclosure of the prior application serial number 09/025,886 is considered a part of the disclosure of this continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference. Please deduct all fees in connection with this filing from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

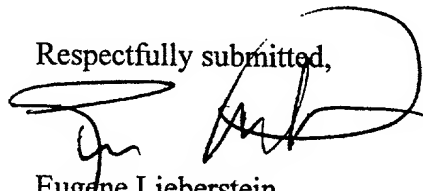
Please cancel the claims in the attached application and add new claims 60, 61 and 62 attached hereto in place thereof.

REMARKS

The prior application serial number 09/025,886 filed on February 18, 1998 has been allowed and the issue fee paid. This continuation application incorporates the entire disclosure of the prior application by reference.

Applicants respectfully request that this application proceed to prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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